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INDIANA COMMISSION ON AUTISM**



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DESTATUTORY DIRECTIVE

The Indiana General Assembly enacted legislation (IC 12-11-7-5 and IC 12-11-7-6) directing the Commission to do the following:

- (1) Study the service delivery system for individuals with autism and the families of individuals with autism, including the following:
 - (A) An analysis of the number of Indiana citizens believed to have autism.
 - (B) Funding amounts and sources.
 - (C) Types of expenditures and services provided.
 - (D) The number of clients served.
 - (E) Relationships among agencies and organizations.
 - (F) Residential options for individuals with autism.
- (2) Study the need and effectiveness of programs for individuals with autism.
- (3) Oversee and update the development of a comprehensive plan for services for individuals of all ages with autism.

The Legislative Council did not assign any specific topics to the Commission for the 2007 interim.

II. SUMMARY OF WORK PROGRAM

The Commission met 3 times during the interim on October 12, 22, and 31, 2007.

The Commission received information concerning the following:

- (1) An update from the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration, Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services (DDRS), on: (A) the status of the service delivery system; (B) waiting lists; and (C) costs for services.
- (2) An update from the Indiana Resource Center for Autism that included the accomplishments that the state of Indiana has made regarding autism and autism training programs, challenges the state will encounter, and future projects of the Center.
- (3) The history and purpose of the Indiana Autism Task force.
- (4) An update from the Indiana Autism Coalition and the Autism Society of Indiana concerning the Indiana comprehensive plan on autism.
- (5) An update from the Indiana Department of Education that included proposed changes to Article 7 (Indiana special education rules promulgated at 511 IAC 7-31).
- (6) An overview of the training provided to emergency services personnel by the Indiana

DRAFT Department of Homeland Security.

(7) The need for certification of behavior analysts.

The Commission passed by a vote of 9-0 the following preliminary draft to be introduced during the 2008 session of the General Assembly:

PD 3383 Requiring certified emergency medical services personnel to successfully complete a basic or inservice course of education and training on autism that is certified by the Indiana emergency medical services commission.

Additional details concerning the Commission's proceedings are available in the Commission's minutes, which can be accessed from the General Assembly Homepage at <http://www.state.in.us/legislative/>.